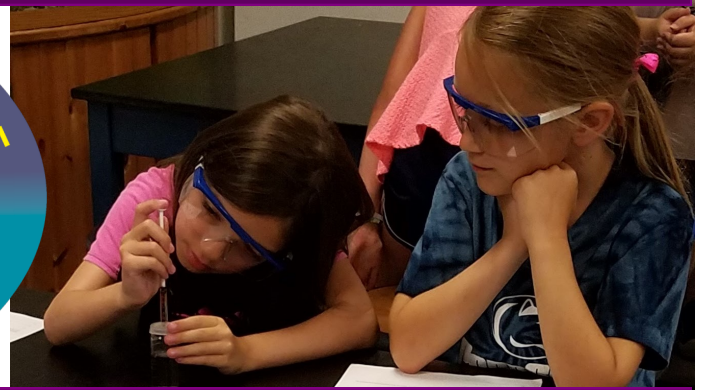


Discover the Delaware Bay with us!



FREE Public Programs offered Summer 2016

Discovery Labs for our Future Scientists

Would you like to better understand climate change and the impacts that are expected in Delaware? Or maybe learn how to identify native plants and animals? Then join a Reserve scientist to explore these topics and more through our Discovery Lab Series! The programs in this series look at the issues and animals our researchers study through hands on activities intended for younger audiences. **These programs are designed for families with children aged 7 and older.**

**Depending on the program it will take place at different locations and require different dress. Please be sure to double check where the program will occur when registering. **

Tuesday, August 9, 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Microscopes at the St. Jones Reserve Dover

Saturday, August 13, Time TBD

Topic TBD hosted in part with the Bowers Beach Maritime Museum

Muckless Marsh Walk

Join a naturalist for an approximately 1/4 mile guided walk as we explore the St. Jones saltmarsh. Learn about the ecological and economic importance of marshes and the research on marshes being completed at the Reserve. The walk will meet at the St. Jones Reserve (818 Kitts Hummock Road in Dover, Delaware). **Wear comfortable shoes, please no strollers.**

Wednesday, August 31, 8 AM - 9:30 AM

Boat Tours on the St. Jones River

Get ready to board our 24 foot skiff boat as we take an expedition onto the River! This program will meet at Scotton Landing off of Barkers Landing Road in Dover, Delaware. **These boating experiences are designed for ages 5-adult.** Life jackets will be provided and are required to be worn on the trip. **Space is limited.**

Friday, August 19, 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Discovering the Delaware Bay

Join a naturalist around a campfire to discover the heritage of the Delaware Bay and how the estuary has shaped our coastal communities. This program is for all ages and will include time for marshmallow roasting at the end of the program, participants must bring their own supplies. The program meets at the Blackbird Creek Reserve (802 Blackbird Landing Road in Townsend, Delaware). **Please bring something to sit on and dress for the weather.**

Friday, August 12, 7:30 PM - 8:30 PM

Canoe Trips on Blackbird Creek

Take an adventure up Blackbird Creek to observe the various habitats and wildlife in and along the creek. Wear comfortable clothing. Life jackets will be provided and are required to be worn. Canoeing experience is preferred but not required. The canoe trip will meet at the Blackbird Creek Reserve component at 801 Blackbird Landing Road in Townsend, Delaware. **Space is limited. Tandem kayaks are available upon request.**

Monday, August 15, 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Catch us Around Town at Community Events!

The Dover Public Library:

Thursday, August 4, 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM

As part of the Dover Public Library's STEM summer series we will be giving a presentation about the horseshoe crab and its importance to biomedicine. We will also be exploring the unique anatomy of the crab through our "Molt Lab".

National Museum of Natural History, Washington, DC:

Wednesday, August 10, 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

As part of the museum's "Expert Is In Program" we will be giving informal presentations on horseshoe crabs in the Ocean Hall. Join us to learn about how horseshoe crabs has survived for millions of years and how they are helping humans today.

Save the Date!

National Estuaries Day Celebration

Saturday, September 24

Blackbird Creek Reserve, Townsend, DE
St. Jones Reserve, Dover, DE

Blackbird Creek Fall Festival

Saturday, October, 15

Blackbird Creek Reserve, Townsend, DE

Program can be cancelled due to inclement weather

For more information visit our website at:

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Registration is required for all programs.

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